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I think the proposed settlement is a bad idea. I have never actually chosen to buy a Microsoft product of my own free will. Their products were always put on the machine I bought by someone else. Thus discouraging from actively pursuing alternatives to Microsoft. Why should I buy something from some one else, when I already have software loaded on my machine for free.

I believe that this monopoly in the end hurts creativity and competition. And that a more satisfactory solution must be found.

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